

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Finding of allowable subject matter at dependent claims 2-4 is appreciatively noted. The above amendment incorporates the limitations of allowable claim 2 into independent claim 1 and changes the dependencies of claims 3 and 4 so as to depend from newly amended claim 1 thus leaving claims 1 and 3-10 in allowed form.

The rejection of original claims 1, 5, 6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by Terada et al. '037 and the rejections of claims 7, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on Terada et al. '037 taken alone (for claim 7) or in view of Aoki '022 (in the case of claim 8) or in view of Sasaki et al. '850 (with respect to claim 9) are all respectfully traversed. However, since these grounds of rejection have now been mooted by the above amendment, it is not believed necessary at this time to explain in detail the reasons for such traversal.

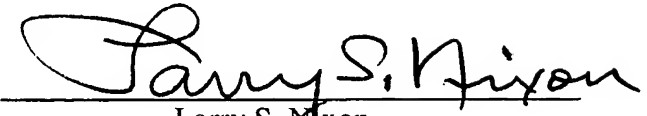
The Examiner's attention is also drawn to new method claims 11-19 which are analogous to allowable apparatus claims 1 and 3-10 respectively.

Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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